(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The target for Afforestation, including Social Forestry, is fixed on year to year basis in consultation with the State Governments. The target proposed for Andhra Pradesh for 1989-90 is 4000 lakh seedlings.

Norms of Bank Advances to priority Sector

978. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prescribed norms for commercial banks for advances to the priority sectors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the foreign banks operating in India are covered by such norms; and

(d) what is the Government's evaluation of foreign banks performance with regard to socially oriented schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) All Scheduled Commercial Banks have been advised by Reserve Bank of India that 40 per cent of their total outstanding credit should be for Priority Sector which includes agriculture, small scale industries, small business etc. Further, 10 per cent of total outstanding credit should be for weaker sections which includes small and marginal farmers, tenant farmers and share croppers, landless labourers, artisans Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and beneficiaries under poverty alleviation programmes. Banks have also been advised that advances to direct agriculture should reach a level of atleast 17 per cent of the total credit by the end of March, 1989.

(c) and (d) The Reserve Bank of India has recently advised the foreign banks operating in the country that their priority sector advances should reach of level of 10 per cent of their net outstandings by the end of March, 1989 to be progressively increased to 15 per cent by the end of March, 1992. According to Reserve Bank of India the total outstanding credit in priority sector of 17 out of 21 foreign banks operating in India as at the end of June, 1987 constituted 5.9 per cent of their total outstanding credit.

Import of poley-balool-catheters

979. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Poley-Balool-Catheters are eligible for import as life saving equipments in terms of OGL Appendise—6 List-2 of ITC 88-89; and

(b) if so, under what heading and serial of the said list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The matter is under examination in consultation with the concerned technical authorities and information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of Infusion sets

980 DR. MOHD. HASIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various types of Infusion sets or Drip sets are eligible for import as life saving equipments in terms of OGL list-2, Appendix 6 of ITC 1988-91; and

(b) if so, under what heading and serial of the said list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Only special type of Infusion Sets are covered under Entry No. 8 of List-2 of Appendix 6 of the Import & Export Policy, 1988-91, namely 'Butterfly needle G. Infusion Sets'. Those Intravenous Cannulae and Tubing which are made of special material for use in prolonged Intravenous Cannulation, could also be covered under Entry No. 32, List-2, Appendix 6 i.e. Intravenous Cannulae and Tubing (for long term use). Other Infusion Sets made for ordinary and routine Intravenous fluids or Blood Transfusion are not covered by List-2 of Appendix 6.

Withho'ding of Assistance by the World Bank for Sardar Sarovar Dam Project

981. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has withheld assistance for the Sardar Sarovar Dam Project;

(b) whether Mr. Moeen Qureshi, Senior Vice-President (Operations) of the World Bank expressed at a Press conference in New Delhi that unless the environmental and displacement problems associated with the Project are resolved they would withhold funds; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The World Bank has not withheld assistance for the Sardar Sarovar Project on account of any issues including environmental and rehabilitation problems.

Supreme Court order on Judges appointment

982. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court of India has made an order on the judges appointments;

(b) whether Government have filled the vacant posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the details of the remaining vacant posts alongwith their number and the States?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI E. SHANKARANAND): (a) In the orders passed on 15-11-1988 and 7-12-1988 during the hearing of a writ petition filed by the Supreme Court Advocates on Record Association, the Supreme Court expressed the view that the vacancies of Judges in the High Courts and the Supreme Court should be filled in expeditiously.

(b) and (c) The Government makes earnest efforts to fill up the vacant posts of Judges as expeditiously as possible. During the period from 15th November, 1988 to 28th February, 1989, fresh appointment of 20 Judges and Additional Judges in various High Courts and appointments of 5 Judges in the Supreme Court were notified.

(d) Details of the sanctioned strength of Judges in various High Courts and the Supreme Court and the vacancies as on 28-2-1989 are given in the enclosed Statement [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 51).

Export of Tribute Caskets to U.S.A.

983. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Maruti Technical Services, a subsidiary of Maruti Ud-